

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 8 have been amended and new claims 15-21 have been added. Review and reconsideration of the Application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 8 are rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0060453 to Spurgat. Accordingly, claims 1 and 8 have been amended to include an adhesive applied to the bonding surface at a distance from the screw and screw housing to avoid contamination of the screw mechanism with the adhesive. Contamination of the screw mechanism with misplaced or excessive adhesive may lead to false installation force. False installation force occurs when the installer believes that the hose is more tightly installed than it actually is, due to the turning force required to overcome any interference created by the adhesive. False installation force may cause the hose to be improperly installed, which in turn may cause the hose to leak or become detached. In contrast, Spurgat discloses a bracket in which the adhesive is applied to a bonding surface proximate to the screw housing, which may lead to contamination the screw mechanism with adhesive, as depicted in Figures 1 through 6.

Claims 2-6 and 9-13 are also rejected as anticipated by the Spurgat reference. However, claims 2-6 and 9-13 depend from claims 1 and 8 and therefore now include the adhesive applied to the bonding surface at a distance from the screw and screw housing.

Claims 7 and 14 are rejected as defining obvious subject matter over Spurgat combined with U.S. Patent No. 5,675,871 to Webb et al. Claims 7 and 14 depend from claim 1 and claim 8, respectively. Therefore, claims 7 and 14 now also include an adhesive applied at a position displaced from the screw and screw housing. As discussed above, the Spurgat reference fails to disclose an adhesive applied so as to prevent contamination of the screw mechanism with adhesive. Webb et al. does not utilize an adhesive to secure the clamp to the hose.

New claims 15-21 include runners extending from the cover portion of the screw housing and an adhesive applied to a portion of the runners displaced from the screw and screw housing.

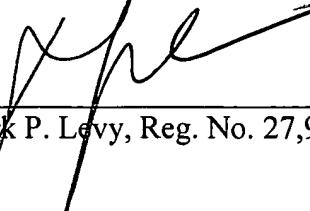
Therefore, in view of the foregoing arguments and amendments, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and a formal notice thereof is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required, including the fee for an extension of time, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 20-0809. The applicant(s) hereby authorizes the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3) to treat any paper

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that is filed in this application that requires an extension of time as incorporating a request for such an extension.

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